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32366

Mr. Frederick R. Schmidt Director Technology Center 3700 United States Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Petition to Make Special

Sir:

The above-referenced utility patent application is subject to a considerable delay in prosecution. Since the applicant is currently seventy-six years of age and hopes to commercialize his invention as quickly as possible, I am submitting for your attention the attached Petition to Make Special. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application No. 10/721,691 Petition dated 07/11/2005

Attachments: Petition to Make Special

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Attention: Office of Petitions

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### PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

### UNDER 37 CFR §1.102(c) AND MPEP 708.02(IV)

Sir:

The applicant filed the above-referenced utility patent application on 11/26/2003. To date, no Office action has been received in this case. The applicant filed a status inquiry on 03/02/2005 and received a reply dated 05/20/2005 stating that "[i]t is estimated that this application will receive an Office action in approximately 20 months."

As evidenced by the attached copies of the applicant's birth certificate, passport, and driver's license, the applicant is currently seventy-six years of age. Continued delay in prosecution might altogether deprive the applicant of the benefit of receiving a patent. The applicant therefore respectfully petitions for special handling of the above-referenced

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application under 37 CFR §1.102(c) and MPEP 708.02(IV), on the ground that the applicant is more than sixty-five years of age.

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To: Applicant of Serial Number 10721691 (Art Unit 3731)

It is estimated that this application will receive an Office action in approximately 20 months. This is an estimate that is based on the current inventory level of applications filed in this art area and the current staffing levels in this Art Unit. The USPTO is dedicated to minimizing first action and total pendency, and in art areas with high new application inventories, we are targeting resources to help address these backlogs. Thank you for your inquiry.

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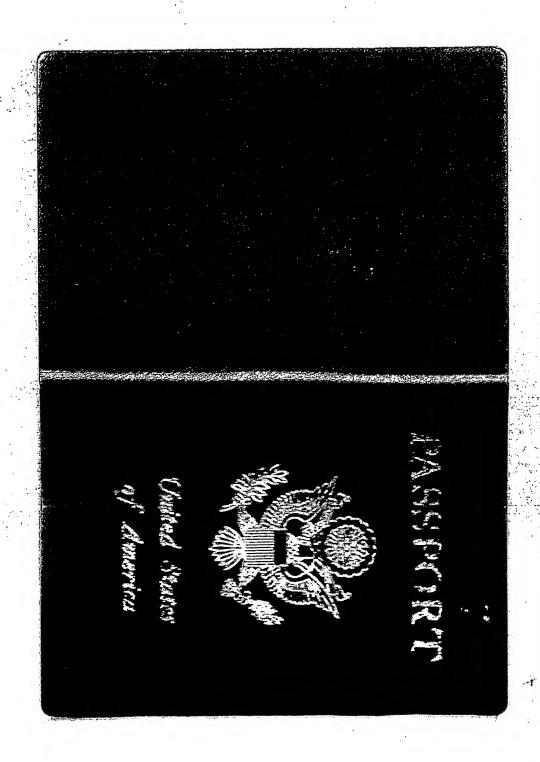
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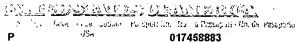
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